## 105TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

## H. R. 4168

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 25, 1998

Mr. Filner introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Filipino Veterans
- 5 Health Care Act of 1998".

1	SEC. 2. PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO CER-
2	TAIN FILIPINO VETERANS.
3	(a) In General.—Section 107 of title 38, United
4	States Code, is amended—
5	(1) in subsection (a)(3), by inserting "17," be-
6	fore "and 23";
7	(2) in subsection $(b)(2)$ —
8	(A) by striking out "and 13" and inserting
9	in lieu thereof ", 13"; and
10	(B) by inserting ", and 17" before "of this
11	title.";
12	(3) by striking out "Payments under such chap-
13	ters" each place it appears and inserting in lieu
14	thereof "Except as provided in subsection (c), pay-
15	ments under such chapters"; and
16	(4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17	section:
18	"(c) In the case of service described in subsection (a)
19	or (b) by an individual who is a resident of the Common-
20	wealth of the Philippines, in determining inability to de-
21	fray necessary expenses under section 1722 of this title
22	for such individual, the Secretary shall apply a ratio to
23	reflect in such determination the differences between me-
24	dian per capita income levels in the United States and in
25	the Commonwealth of the Philippines.".

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to benefits fur-
- 3 nished under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code,

4 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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